

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 29. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Below Average
2002		
2003		
2004		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	73.2	52.9	69.5	63.4	65.1	69.5
• Passed 2 subtests	21.4	31.4	14.6	18.5	18.1	15.5
• Passed 1 subtest	1.8	11.8	12.2	10.9	10.7	9.5
• Passed no subtests	3.6	3.9	3.7	7.2	6.0	5.5

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	23.3%	20.3%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	23.3%	21.5%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	56.7%	54.1%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	92.5%	23.3%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	100.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	92.3%	25.0%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	100.0%	19.0%	
Female	88.2%	25.6%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	87.5%	7.7%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	93.3%	27.7%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	78.6%	9.1%	
Pay for lunch	100.0%	26.5%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	77.5%
Completers placed	98.3%
Eligible students enrolled	68.7%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,865	N/A	\$5,304	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	95.8%	Down from 96.2%	88.9%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	27.1 to 1	N/A	25.5 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=377)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	21.4%	N/A	49.4%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	98.9%	Up from 98.6%	94.8%	95.3%
• Retention rate	6.1%	Up from 3.1%	10.9%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=26)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.3 Days	Up from 5.6	7.6 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	97.4%	Down from 97.9%	95.7%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	53.8%	Up from 48.1%	49.5%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	88.5%	Down from 92.6%	78.7%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	3.0%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	88.6%	Up from 87.3%	84.7%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,848	Up 9.7%	\$38,128	\$38,125

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	2.1%	Up from 0.8%	3.5%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.6%	N/A	57.1%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	24.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	51.6%	N/A	58.6%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	6.9%	Down from 8.4%	10.3%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	15	N/A	29	29
• Gifted and talented	0.0%	N/A	9.9%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.1%	Down from 11.2%	10.4%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.6%	N/A	6.5%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	259	N/A	401	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	13.5%	N/A	28.9%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The 2000-2001 school year was a year of excellence for Dixie High School. Our students excelled in academics, athletics, and in community service.

The school's greatest achievement was completing the requirements for accreditation by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. Based on preliminary information, Dixie High School will receive its first SACS accreditation in the fall of 2001. This endeavor involved all faculty and staff, students, parents, and members of the community.

Students did well on their first attempts at passing the exit exams. Preliminary information shows that 87.5 percent of the tenth graders passed the reading portion and 80.2 percent passed the math portion.

Better than 50 percent of seniors taking the SAT scored 1000 or higher.

Dixie High students were recognized for excellence by participating in such programs as the Governor's School for the Arts, RYLA, All-State Chorus, and FFA competitions.

Dixie High School joined the International Bread Loaf Teachers Network, with Dixie High students participating in writing exchanges with other schools.

School attendance was high for both teachers and students. Teacher attendance averaged 96.9 percent, and student attendance averaged 98.6 percent.

Students excelled in both fall and spring sports. Several teams participated in the state play-offs, with the baseball team advancing to the state championship series.

We saw an increase in the number of English as a Second Language students and provided staff development and additional resources to meet their needs.

Our graduation ceremony featured 60 students receiving diplomas or certificates. Featured speakers were the top five ranking seniors who chose as their topic the journey ahead of them and the preparation they received from Dixie High School.

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	73.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	88.1	
Satisfied with home-school relations	85.2	89.7	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 8-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 377 Students

### Principal

L. Tracy Carter 864-379-2186

### Superintendent

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### Board Chair

Dr. Larry Lawson 864-446-3250



## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Good



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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